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SUBJECT: CABINET DISCUSSION OF "PALESTINIAN HOMELAND", ETC.

1. THE WEEKLY CABINET SESSION MARCH 20 DISCUSSED PRESIDENT
CARTER'S RECENT STATEMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES. FOLLOWING
IS EXCERPTED FROM THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE.

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2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SUMMED UP THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S
UTTERANCES ON THE MIDDLE EAST ISSUE OVER THE PAST WEEK,
AND POINTED OUT THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD DEFINED THREE COM-
PONENTS OF THE SETTLEMENT: THE NATURE OF PEACE, THE
TERRITORIAL ISSUE AND THE PALESTINIAN ASPECT. THESE THREE
ISSUES MUST BE SOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES
THEMSELVES. THE FOREIGN MINISTER EMPHASIZED THAT THE
PRESIDENT HAD EXPRESSED THE NATURE OF PEACE IN A MANNER
VERY CLOSE TO ISRAEL'S DEFINITIONS.

3. AS REGARDS THE CONCEPT OF THE "HOMELAND" FOR THE
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PALESTINIANS
IT CLEAR THAT THE INTENTION WAS TO A JORDANIAN CONTEXT.
ACCORDING TO THE PRESIDENT'S VERSION, THE PALESTINIAN
ISSUE MUST FIRST BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN THE PALESTINIANS
AND THE ARAB STATES, AND THEREAFTER BETWEEN THE ARAB
STATES AND ISRAEL.

4. A NUMBER OF MINISTERS WHO TOOK PART IN THE EXCHANGE REFERRED TO THE MOST POSITIVE ELEMENTS, FROM ISRAEL'S ASPECT, CONTAINED IN THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S UTTERANCES-- BUT ALSO DID NOT DISREGARD ELEMENTS INDICATING ON CERTAIN CENTRAL POINTS, THERE WAS STILL A SUBSTANTIAL GAP BETWEEN THE POSITIONS OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

5. SUMMING UP, THE PRIME MINISTER STATED THAT IT WAS INCUMBENT UPON ISRAEL TO BOLSTER INFORMATION ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT ALL RANKS OF THE PEOPLE AND ADMINISTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES, ON THE SUBJECT OF THE NECESSITY FOR ISRAEL TO ATTAIN DEFENSIBLE PEACE BORDERS THAT WOULD BE CONGRUENT WITH ISRAEL'S POLITICAL BORDERS--WHILE STRESSING THAT THE LINES THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO THE SIX-DAY WAR DID NOT, NOR COULD, CONSTITUTE DEFENSIBLE BORDERS.

6. MOREOVER, IT WAS NECESSARY TO EXPAND AND INTENSIFY EXPLANATION OF THE ISRAEL GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE, INCLUDING THE STAND THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD THE PLO BE AN INTERLOCUTOR OF ISRAEL'S, AND THAT THE ISSUE OF THE PALESTINIANS' IDENTITY MUST BE SOLVED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN STATE.

7. THE CABINET ADOPTED NO RESOLUTIONS ON THESE SUBJECTS. END OF TEXT.

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